

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

## BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,

Relator,

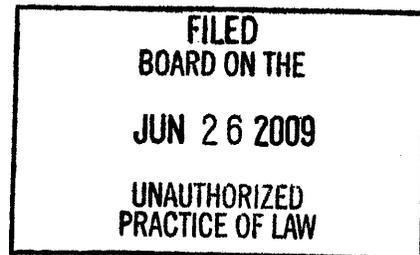
v.

MARY K. EHRMAN,

Respondent.

Case No. UPL 08-01

ORDER

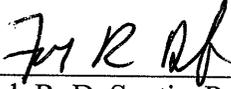


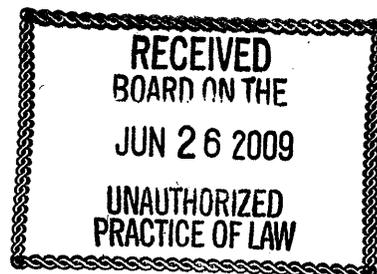
This matter came before the Board upon the filing on June 16, 2009 of the signed Settlement Agreement of Relator and Respondent.

Upon consideration thereof,

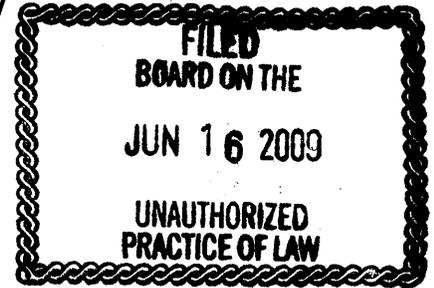
**IT IS ORDERED** that the Complaint filed in this matter is hereby dismissed pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VII, Sec. 5b(D)(1). The signed Settlement Agreement shall be recorded for reference by the Board pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VII, Sec. 5b(H).

**FOR THE BOARD ON THE UNAUTHORIZED  
PRACTICE OF LAW**

  
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Frank R. DeSantis, Panel Chair



BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ON THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW  
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v. : CASE NO. UPL 08-01

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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF RELATOR AND RESPONDENT PURSUANT TO RULE VII  
SECTION 5(B) OF THE RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO**

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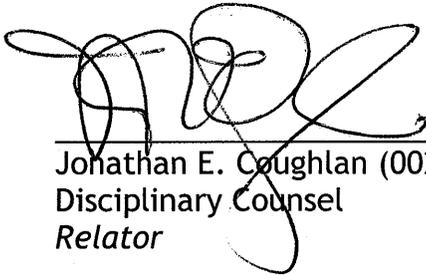
Relator, Disciplinary Counsel, and respondent, Mary K. Ehrman, now enter into this Settlement Agreement pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VII (5b).

- (1) Respondent admits that she was engaged in the unauthorized practice of law as set forth in relator's formal complaint.
- (2) Respondent admits the material allegation of the unauthorized practice of law as set forth in relator's formal complaint.
- (3) The public is protected from future harm and any substantial injury is remedied by this agreement.
- (4) Respondent agrees to cease and desist from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

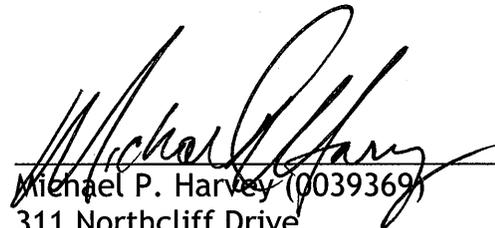
- (5) This settlement agreement resolves the material allegations of the unauthorized practice of law.
- (6) This settlement agreement does not involve any public policy issues or encroach upon the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to regulate the practice of law.
- (7) This settlement agreement furthers the stated purposes of Gov. Bar R.

VII.

Respectfully submitted,



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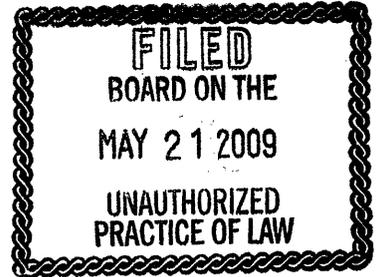
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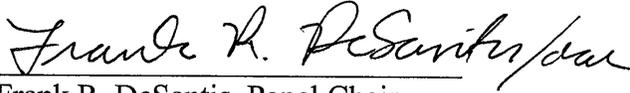
This matter came before the Board upon the filing on May 6, 2009 of the Panel's Report recommending approval of a Settlement Agreement previously submitted by the parties.

Upon consideration thereof,

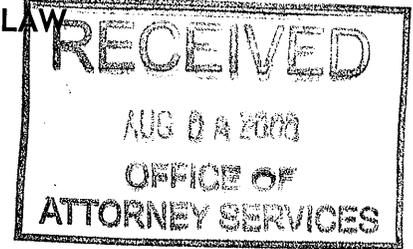
**IT IS ORDERED**, that the Settlement Agreement between the parties be, and hereby is, approved by the Board pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VII, Sec. 5b(D)(1).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that the parties shall prepare and file with the Secretary of the Board an original document, executed by both parties, containing the terms of the Settlement Agreement as previously submitted. Said Settlement Agreement shall be recorded for reference by the Board pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VII, Sec. 5b(H).

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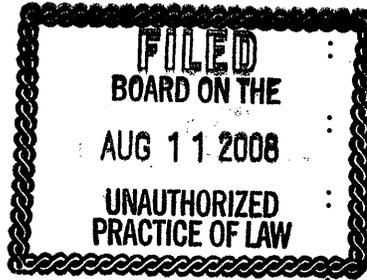
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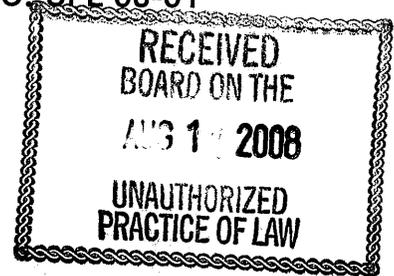
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**I. AGREED STIPULATIONS**

Relator filed a complaint against respondent, Mary K. Ehrman, with the Board of Commissioners on the Unauthorized Practice of Law of the Supreme Court of Ohio (the "board") on April 29, 2008. Respondent filed an answer to the allegations on May 14, 2008. Relator and respondent now enter into this Settlement Agreement pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VII (5b).

**II. STIPULATED FACTS**

1. Respondent, Mary K. Ehrman, is a natural person whose last known address is 7323 Clinton Road, Brooklyn, OH 44144.
2. Respondent's business, M.E. & Associates, provides accounting services to individuals in Ohio.

3. Respondent is not an attorney-at-law in the state of Ohio admitted pursuant to Gov. Bar R. I, registered pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VI or certified pursuant to Gov. Bar R. II, Gov. Bar R. IX or Gov. Bar R. XI.
4. In the Fall of 2006, Terry Day, one of respondent's accounting clients, approached respondent seeking immediate assistance with certain legal documents.
5. Day explained to respondent that she was dying and leaving the state shortly.
6. It was under these circumstances that respondent agreed to help Day.
7. Respondent prepared a Will, a land contract and a purchase agreement on Day's behalf. Upon completion of each document, respondent had Day execute the document and, if necessary, properly record the document.
8. Respondent's work on the Will was lacking. The date that Day executed the Will and the date that the witnesses witnessed Day's signature were different. Additionally, the body of the Will contained several other inaccuracies.
9. At all times relevant to the allegations contained in this complaint, respondent was not an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Ohio and was not qualified to provide legal representation to or prepare legal documents for Day on any matter.

### **III. STIPULATED EXHIBITS**

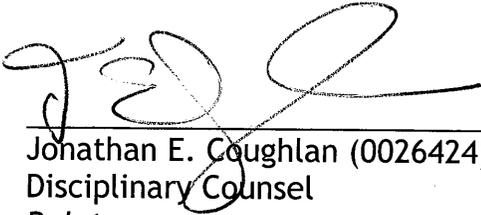
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| Exhibit 1 | Last Will and Testament of Terry S. Day |
| Exhibit 2 | Land Contract                           |
| Exhibit 3 | Purchase Agreement                      |

#### IV. STIPULATED RESOLUTION

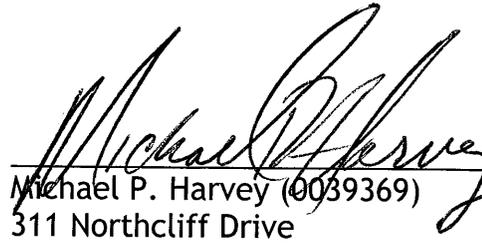
As set forth in Gov. Bar R. VII (5b)(C):

- Respondent admits that she was engaged in the unauthorized practice of law as set forth in relator's formal complaint;
- Respondent admits the material allegation of the unauthorized practice of law as set forth in relator's formal complaint;
- The public is protected from future harm and any substantial injury is remedied by this agreement;
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- This settlement agreement resolves the material allegations of the unauthorized practice of law;
- This settlement agreement does not involve any public policy issues or encroach upon the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to regulate the practice of law; and,
- This settlement agreement furthers the stated purposes of Gov. Bar R. VII.

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